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In this Example, another type of slip film, a cellulose film adapted for use with a water-washable flexographic printing plate, is modified with a UV absorber. The concentration and thickness found in the previous Example were utilized to ensure the maximum UV absorption by the film.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 15, 20, 27, 28, 35, 40, 44, and 45 to read as follows.

15. (Amended) A process comprising the steps of:

• providing a photosensitive element comprising:

a backing layer;

at least one layer of photopolymerizable material on said
backing layer;

at least one ablation layer which is ablative by infrared
radiation and opaque to non-infrared actinic radiation, wherein the
infrared ablation layer is in direct contact with the at least one
photopolymerizable layer and has a surface opposite the
photopolymerizable layer capable of being exposed to laser ablation,
the infrared ablation layer comprising:

at least one infrared absorbing material;

at least one binder that is a polyacetal,

polyacrylic, polyamide, polyimide, polybutylene,

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polycarbonate, polyester, polyethylene, polyphenylene ether, or
polyethylene oxide;

wherein the infrared ablation layer is ablatable from the surface of the
photopolymerizable layer upon exposure to infrared laser radiation;

and

ablation said ablation layer using a laser, thereby providing ablated and
unablated areas forming an image.

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20. (Amended) The process of claim 19 wherein said polyurethane is an
acid-modified acrylate polyurethane or an amine-modified acrylate polyurethane.

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27. (Amended) The process of claim 15 wherein said laser used to ablate
said ablation layer emits light having a wavelength of 10.6 μm .

28. (Amended) The process of claim 15 wherein said laser used to ablate
said ablation layer emits light having a wavelength of 300-400 nm.

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35. (Amended) The process of claim 34 wherein said polyurethane is an
acid-modified acrylate polyurethane or an amine-modified acrylate polyurethane.